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Amendments to the specification:

Brief Description of Drawings

- [0018] FIG. 1a is a perspective view of a carrier and detachable cutting edges.
- [0019] FIG 1b is a top view of an individual cutting edge.
- [0020] FIG 1c is a side view of an individual cutting edge.
- [0021] FIG 1d is a side view of a carrier.
- [0022] FIG 1e is a side view of a blade assembly.
- [0023] FIG 2a is a top view of a cutting edge with recessed holes for receiving the head of an attachment mechanism.
- [0024] FIG 2b is a side view of a cutting edge.
- [0025] FIG 2c is a side view of a carrier.
- [0026] FIG 2d is a side view of a blade assembly.
- [0027] FIG 3a through FIG 3i present various profile views of differing blade assemblies.
- [0028] FIG 4a through FIG 4i present various profile views of differing blade assemblies.
- [0029] FIG 5a presents a <u>detail</u> top view of end region of a carrier with which incorporates a slot safety mechanism

- [0030] FIG 5b presents a side profile view of a cutting edge with a T insert slot safety mechanism.
- [0031] FIG 6 is a perspective view of an example carrier.

Detailed Description

- [0032] The following definitions are provided for a consistent understanding of the invention described.
- [0033] The term "carrier" refers to a plate that is connected to the drive shaft of a push lawn mower engine or the spindle shaft of a riding mower. Generally a carrier is rectangular and metal.
- [0034] The term "cutting edge" refers to the detachable edge that serves as the cutting mechanism for the "blade assembly".
- [0035] The term "attachment mechanism" refers to the mechanism that connects the "cutting edge" to the "carrier."
- [0036] The term "blade assembly" refers to the combination of a "carrier", "cutting edge" and "attachment mechanism."
- [0037] The term "cutting plane" refers to the rotational plane of the "blade assembly."